

My husband and I own and operate one truck. If an onboard recording device will be used to prove an accident or traffic citation was honestly not the truck driver's fault, then I am totally in favor of adding it to my truck.

I have heard most newer cars have this device, but I wonder how many law enforcement officers know how to obtain the information from it. If you do require these 'black boxes', then you should require all accident investigators learn how to obtain and interpret the data from all vehicles involved. I never have liked hearing the news that an accident involving a big truck was the truck driver's fault.

Now, I like the new Hours of Service. John and I are older drivers. Normally we drive up to ten hours a day each and take our restart every six to ten days.

I am amazed that judges are swayed by vocal organizations. They should use common sense and look at the laws which prohibit us from running our engine when we are parked. They should go to Phoenix and try to sleep in a truck when the temperature is over a hundred degrees and they can't run the engine and air conditioning. A truck does not have enough battery power to keep my refrigerator cool overnight. The air conditioner cannot work unless the engine is running. Anyone so concerned about emissions should turn off their own power in their home. I make the comparison because, like many truck drivers, this truck IS our home. We just visit our residence every five to eight weeks. At least you can open windows. That box so generously called a sleeper has at best two small windows which hardly allow a breeze to filter in. What kind of rest can I get when my hair is stuck to my skull with sweat?? I could get out of bed every half hour, crank the truck for the five minutes the local government allows, let the air conditioning start to work, and turn off the truck to comply with liberal rules. I might get a little sleep. Then I must drive. Come on, judges! Throw out the senseless laws, but keep the Hours of Service! They are working!

Either that or stop buying anything transported on a truck so I can quit this job, go home and start getting welfare. Let the liberals support me if they don't want me to work.